(b) and (c). The maintenance/upkeep of the National Highways is being carried out *inter-alia* based on the requirements of material and labour, width and type of road surface, traffic intensity, physical and climatic conditions etc. within the overall availability of funds. The expenditure incurred for maintenance/repairs of the National Highways during the last three years is given below:

Year	Expenditure for maintenance/repairs
1988-89	Rs. 146.35 crores
1989-90	Rs. 158.96 crores
1990-91	Rs. 169.29 crores

Waiving of Demurrage Charges from Users of Major Ports

279. SHRi ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of demurrage charges from the port users of Major Ports waived during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The total amount of demurrage charges waived by the 11 Major Ports to the port users during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1102.21	4846.67	1714.92

(b) A number of reasons such as strikes in Ports, malfunctioning of equipments in Ports and delay in custom's clearance from the basis for such waivers.

Road safety Measures

280. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Members of the National Road Safety Council;

(b) the details of funds spent on road safety programme in 1990-91 and 1991-92 so far;

(c) the reasons for giving a low priority to safety for transport workers; and

(d) the details of new measures proposed to be taken by the Government for road safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Road Safety Council was constituted with official Members on 16th May, 1991. The details of the official Members of the Council are given in the attached Statement-I No decisions on nomination of non-official Members has been taken.

(b) An amount of Rs. 16,92,710/ (final) was spent for furtherance of road safety programmes during 1990-91. An amount of around Rs.3.5 lakhs has so far been spent during the current financial year.

(c) Government have not placed a low value on safety for transport workers.

(d) The measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Govt./State Government are given in the attached Statement-II.